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Health Department to Hold Swine Flu (H1N1) Presentations

In an effort to educate members of the community about the emerging swine flu (H1N1) virus, the Northern Kentucky Health Department has planned presentations at local libraries. The presentations are open to the general public on a first come, first served basis as space permits.

Experts from the Health Department will address topics such as symptoms of swine flu, caring for an infected person, how to avoid spreading and contracting swine flu, and the latest available information regarding swine flu vaccinations.

All presentations are scheduled for 6 to 7:30 p.m. and will include a question and answer session. The dates and locations are as follows:

- Monday, August 31, at the Erlanger branch of the Kenton County Public Library, 401 Kenton Lands Road, Erlanger, Ky.
- Tuesday, September 1, at the main branch of the Boone County Public Library, 1786 Burlington Pike, Burlington, Ky.
- Thursday, September 10, at the Newport branch of the Campbell County Public Library, 901 E. Sixth St., Newport, Ky.
- Monday, September 14, at the Mary Ann Mongan branch of the Kenton County Public Library, 502 Scott Blvd., Covington, Ky.
- Tuesday, September 15, at the Grant County Public Library, 201 Barnes Road, Williamstown, Ky.

“As we head into the fall and winter season, swine flu is expected to continue to affect our community,” said Steven R. Katkowsky, M.D., District Director of Health. “The best way to plan for this unusual flu season is to become informed. These community presentations are the first

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phase of an on-going public information campaign to educate Northern Kentucky residents in hopes of reducing the spread of the infection in our community.”

The Health Department has also planned a summit on swine flu for professionals, including health care workers, local government officials and school staff on September 9. Professionals wanting more information or to register should contact Taffiny Paul at 859.341.4264, Ext. 2226.

For more information on the swine flu, please visit the Health Department’s Web site at <http://www.nkyhealth.org/swine>. Anyone with questions about the community presentations may contact Emily Gresham Wherele at 859.344.5470 or Emily.Gresham@ky.gov.

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